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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed on November 20, 2007, the time for responding thereto being three months with a three month extension of time so that a response is due on or before May 20, 2008. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response to the Final Office Action. Should it be determined that any additional fee is due or any excess fee has been received, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account #19-0761.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the final rejection and allowance of the application is respectfully requested at this time.